

It is vitally important that the FCC consider the importance and public value of FM translator stations in the decision regarding LPFM stations. For instance, the broad impact of translator stations such as AIR1 radio in serving the community allows grassroots and local organizations that would normally not receive the access to radio on commercial stations (because of cost or content) to air events, news and public service announcements would be severely curtailed. Likewise, the content of translator stations like those used by AIR1 Radio allow content that is normally absent in commercial radio markets. Taking away access to translator stations would negatively impact thousands of communities. It is squarely in the public interest to allow translator stations to ensure all views and messages are provided equal access to the public airways.